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# Second Sunday of Easter

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*The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.*

## Welcome

## Gathering Music

*Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.*

*Arise in body or Spirit*

## Easter Good News

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- A** This is the day that the Lord has made;
- C** **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**
- P** The Lord is my strength and my song.
- C** **The Lord has become my salvation.**
- A** Open to me the gates of righteousness;
- C** **I will go through them and praise the Lord.**
- P** I shall not die, but live,
- C** **and declare the works of the Lord.**
- A** This is the day that the Lord has made;
- C** **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Gathering Song

*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

ELW 389

## Easter Greeting

- P** Holy people of God, given new life through the resurrected Christ, and enlightened by the Spirit: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

## Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.
- ☑ **O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading

**Acts 5:27-32**

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church’s proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

📖 A reading from **Acts**:

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

- 📖 The word of the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 118:14-29**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous! in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>**Hosanna! O LORD, save us!  
We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>**The LORD is God and has given us light.  
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup>**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.**

## Second Reading

## Revelation 1:4-8

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

### ☐ A reading from **Revelation:**

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, - Lord to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life: Al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel Reading

**John 20:19-31**

*The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”*

☐ The Resurrection Gospel according to **John**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

☐ The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children’s Message

## Message

**Song of the Day**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

**ELW 392**

## Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Hear us, O God.** The assembly prays, **You give us new life.***

- Ⓐ Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence*

- Ⓐ Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion First Lutheran Church, Muskegon; Heritage Hills Bible Church, Bellevue; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

- Ⓐ Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy, Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

- Ⓐ Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy, especially: *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Brady and Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas) and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads).* Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

- Ⓐ Uphold your children who cry out to you. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy, *. Especially Doris Allerdig, Jenny Anderson, Amber Andrews, Vickey Argo, Veronica Baarson, Helen Brown, Wally Burzynski, Ron Bush, Cherie Clements, Patti Comp, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Mike Fruth, Greg Franks, Michael Gibbons, Lorie Gladyness, Karl Golnek, Lisa Golnek, Hannah Gutenmorgen, the birth of Rose Carolyn Habben, Larry Hansen, Judy Heil, Jill & Yancy Hobert, Mike Hoppe, Paul Kuhlman, The family of Cheryl Jorgensen, Mindi Longcor, Bill Melcher, Gloria & Ron O'Beirne, Darlene Olson, Phil Poholski (recovery), Ken Plourde, The family of Margie Schaffer, Mike Shoemaker, Susie Smith, George Ulrich Jr., Sharon Varkula, Carol Vos (cancer), Eve Wright, Lynnze.* Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

- Ⓐ Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. Hear us, O God.

☑ **You give us new life.**

*(You may share your prayers at this time)  
Here other intercessions may be offered*



☞ Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways.

☛ **Amen.**

### **Sharing the Peace of God**

☞ The peace of risen Christ be with you.

☛ **And also with you.**

*(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

### **Offering Prayer**

☞ Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, as you were made known to the disciples.

☛ **Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

☞ The Lord be with you.

☛ **And also with you.**

☞ Lift up your hearts.

☛ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☛ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

☞ It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow the way of humble service and love, and so, with the church on earth all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Table Prayer

- Ⓟ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.
- ☑ **By dying on the cross, Jesus has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.**
- Ⓟ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
- ☑ **Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.**
- Ⓟ Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
- ☑ **This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.**
- Ⓟ With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Congregation:*



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

- Ⓟ Pour your Holy Spirit upon us as we share this meal in the body and blood of our Lord.
- Ⓞ **Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful people until we feast at your table in glory.**
- Ⓟ Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Amen, Come Lord Jesus; Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

*Congregation:*



A - men, Come\_ Lord Je - sus; A -



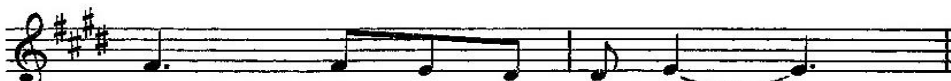
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- Ⓟ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains are scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Amen, Come Holy Spirit. Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

*Congregation:*



A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -



men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it.\_\_\_\_\_

- Ⓟ All glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever.

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u-ni-ty of the Spir-it all glo-ry and hon-or is  
yours, O God, now and for-ev-er,  
A - - - men.

### Lord's Prayer

- Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:
- Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

- Holy things for holy people.
- One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**
- Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- Thanks be to God!**

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
mer - cy on us.

### Additional Verses:

**You break the chains of hatred and fear:  
You are the way of justice and peace:  
You are the way of mercy and love:  
You are the bread of life for us all:  
You pour your Holy Spirit on us:**

### Final time:



Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

### Communion Songs:

*Come to the Table*  
*I Am the Bread of Life*

ELW 481  
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## Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray . . . Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
- G** **Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Mission Minutes

### Blessing

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- G** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.
- G** **Amen.**

### Sending Song

*A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing*

**ELW 393**

### Dismissal

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- G** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- A** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

#### 8:00 am

**Assisting Minister – Chris Bush**

**Lector – Dave Neeb**

**Cantor – Cindy Olson**

**Musician – Cindy Olson**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck**

#### 10:45 am

**Assisting Minister – Mark Anton**

**Lector – Gwen Hansen**

**Cantor – Cindy Olson**

**Musician – Cindy Olson**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck**

**Fellowship – Jeanette Markwart**

## Wounded Healer

The Sunday after Easter can feel a little bit like a crash, a return to normalcy after a day of unmatched celebration. And yet this is where we live most of our lives: not in celebration, but struggling to make ends meet, doing our best to love our imperfect partners and kids, holding on to our faith in humanity when people do terrible things, and dealing with our own kinds of adversity, hurt, and loss. This is why we need to hear from the one who missed everything, the one who still has a lot of questions, the one who is not afraid to open up about his own doubt and fear.

It's revealing that the one thing Thomas asks to see is Jesus' scars. He is not looking for another miracle or celebration. His connection to Jesus is through his humanity, through his suffering, through the things that Thomas could identify with and understand.

Very often when we are at a crossroads of being trapped in our grief, depression, or anger on the one hand and the possibility of moving through on the other, the only person we can really trust is someone who has been there before, someone who has walked the road we are traveling and lived to tell about it.

That's why Christ stands among us today not as one who has finally escaped our humanity but as one who is still identified by those marks of love and sacrifice. We see in his wounds a reflection of our own pain. When we gather at the table to see and touch for ourselves, we know that the risen life he extends to us is real. No matter how many times we missed it the first time, Jesus reaches out to include us in the promise of Easter: "Here is my body, here is my blood. Do not doubt, but believe."

And we, for the first or the thousandth time, reply, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

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**Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship the risen Christ who breathes new life into us.**

**Bowling Event.** Youth and Family Committee invites everyone to the church for Pizza at 12 noon on April 30<sup>th</sup>. After pizza and discussion, we will be going to the bowling alley. Please sign up by April 24<sup>th</sup>. Youth 18 and younger bowl free.

**Community Garden.** Grace is exploring the possibility of partnering with Emanuel Episcopal Church to create a community garden. The garden would be housed on our church property. If you are interested in working on this project, please contact Randy Teegardin or Brenda, our parish administrator.

***Spring Flower Sale \$6.00 each.*** Like everything else, pricing keeps going up. Orders due May 11, 2022, with pick-up on Saturday, May 14th.

## Stewardship Information

Attendance: 97  
Weekly Giving: \$2,311.00  
Pasty Sale: \$100.00

Views: 135  
Budget Amount: \$4,163.28  
Youth Income: \$301.00

## *Gospel Worship Service*

We will gather for worship only at 10 am. We hope you invite your friends to join us at this unique event. **Quilt Show next week following Gospel Worship Service.** Do you have a quilt you'd like to display in the upcoming quilt show? Quilt drop off is anytime the office is open this week, Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or Saturday, April 30 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. You'll be provided with a small form to fill out to display with your quilt. If you have any questions or would like someone to pick up your quilt from your home, please contact Bev McManaway at 269.967.7728.

**Congregational Care is looking for some help in welcoming our new members.** If you would like to donate items, please contact Laura Scheck. The committee likes to provide a welcome basket for new members. We need enough items for 8 baskets. Please have your items into the office by this Saturday, April 30 at 3 pm.

**Rummage Sale.** We are looking for workers to help set up, run, and share some time for a rummage sale, which will help raise funds for the victims of war in Ukraine.

Spot to available to work are:

Tuesday,	2 spots from 8 am – 12 noon; 3 spots from 12 noon – 4 pm.
Wednesday	2 spots from 8 am – 12 noon; 3 spots from 12 noon – 4 pm.
Thursday	2 spots from 8 am – 12 noon; 3 spots from 12 noon – 4 pm.
Friday	2 spots from 8 am – 12 noon; 1 spot from 12 noon – 4 pm.
Saturday	3 spots from 8 am – 12 noon; 2 spots from 12 noon – 4 pm.; 6 spots 4-6 Cleanup

**Adult Forum this Sunday at 9:30 am.** will study the Book of Ruth. No Adult forum next Sunday.

**Grace Lutheran Church is seeking a Nursery Attendant during the 10:45 worship service.**

**Replace, Repair, Renew Campaign.** As you may know we replaced our mower and chest freezer and repaired our heating system in the fellowship hall. Total cost for these items is listed below:

Mower	\$3,900.00
Freezer	\$620.09
Heating Repair	<u>\$638.00</u>

Total: **\$5,158.09** We are seeking funds to pay ourselves back for these expenses.

Renew: \$4,841.91. When the \$5,158.09 is paid back, we will begin collecting for the renewal part of the campaign, as we were told the heating system is needing to be replaced. We thank you for your partnership in keeping our building a functioning ministry tool in the name of Jesus Christ.